Dear Parents and Caregivers
Showing leadership will be a big focus at LPS this year. We try to teach our students to positively lead their own lives by making the best choices they can. The Leader in Me program focuses on the habits they can get into to ensure this happens. Last Friday, after a very early start, our Year 6 students attended the Halogen Foundations Young Leaders Conference in Brisbane. Here they learned that leadership is also about influence. This can be on a local level, on your peers and those you interact with on a regular basis, or, like the many speakers they listened to, on a national and international scale. The key message that they took from the day is that they should start being the kind of leader they want to be right now, and that everything significant, enduring and awesome didn’t start out that way- it became it.

CAPA SHOWCASE
The date has been set for our CAPA showcase - this will take place on Wednesday 1 April at 2:15pm. All Parents and interested community members are welcome to come and view our talented students work and performances. As there was no assembly on Monday due to staff professional learning Merit awards and our first Bronze awards will also be handed out during the showcase.

YEARS 3-6 EXCURSION
Students in Years 3-6 will be heading off to the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre from Wednesday 15 July til Friday 17 July. A deposit and volunteer interest note has been sent home today.

ELECTION DAY
We will be holding a BBQ & Cake Stall at the school on Election Day this Saturday, 28 March. We desperately need donations of cakes, slices, biscuits & confectionary to sell. Please remember to include an ingredients list. Any help selling items on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your name at the school office or just turn up on Saturday.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL
I would like to remind parents that supervision of students commences at 8:25am. Students that arrive on the early bus are to remain seated until the first bell goes and a teacher is ‘on duty’ to supervise. Students that are not on the early bus should not arrive before 8:25am.

LEVEL O DAY
Level O day will take place on the last Thursday of term, Thursday 2 April. Students will be watching a movie as their reward this term. Please remember that children who receive 6 or more detentions in a term will not be able to take part in these activities.

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS
The Year 6 polo shirts have arrived and are available for collection. Shirts cost $26.40 each and may be collected by paying the outstanding balance. There have been some issues with sizing that are being worked out with the supplier. Students have tried on the sizes they ordered, and if necessary adjustments are being made. For more information please contact Debbie in the office.

LOLLY GUESSING COMPETITION
We are holding a lolly guessing competition to raise funds to help Bryce’s family with some of the medical costs involved in his care. It is $1.00 per guess, with the jar full of lollies being the prize for the person guessing the correct number.
BIKE DAY
On the last day of school we will be holding a bike day, where students are invited to bring along their bikes and helmets to take part in a Bike ride. K-2 will be riding on a track in the school grounds, and students 8 years and older will go on a ride around Lawrence. A permission note for 8+ students was sent home last week and needs to be returned by Tuesday 31 March.

EASTER HAT PARADE
This year we have decided to try a different approach to our Easter hat Parade. Rather than students creating their hats at home, we will be making them at school. Younger students will be paired with a buddy from a senior class, and together they will construct an Easter hat from recycled materials. They will then wear the hats in a parade that will be held after recess. As a result we are asking for donations of recycled materials that can be used in their fabulous creations. These items can be anything from fabric, plastic bottles, ice cream containers, feathers, ribbon, string, cardboard tubes, etc. If you have a pre-schooler that would like to take part in the fun, please let the school office know. The P&C Easter Raffle will be drawn after the parade.

UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS
Each year Lawrence Public School offers all students in Years 2-6 the opportunity to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools organized by the University of NSW. These competitions are a great opportunity for students to apply their learning in a different format and monitor their personal progress. Year 2 may enter competitions in Science, Maths and English. Years 3-6 may enter competitions in Science, Maths, English, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing.
Entries for Digital Technologies and Science are being taken now and a note can be collected from the school office. The note and entry fee ($8.00 per child) must be returned to the school office by Friday 27 March 2015. No late entries can be accepted.

HEAD LICE
We have been advised that there are cases of Head Lice in the school. To help eradicate this little pest it is essential that every child has their hair checked at home for lice or nits and is treated as needed. If you require further information please head to:

CROSS COUNTRY
Our school cross country was held on Tuesday. Congratulations to all our students that competed, our first place getters in each age group were: 5 Yr Girls – Eloise, 6 Yr Boys - Cody, 7 Yr Girls - Olivia, 7 Yr Boys - Orlando, 8/9 Yr Girls - Georgie, 8/9 Yr Boys - Noah, 10 Yr Girls - Taliera, 10 Yr Boys - Jack, 11 Yr Girls - Tayla, 11 Yr Boys - Harrison 12/13 Yr Girls - Milly, 12/13 Yr Boys - Alec. The first six place getters of each age group 8/9, 10, 11 & 12/13 have been given a permission note to compete in the Small Schools’ PSSA Cross Country event in Grafton on Monday 30 March. Please ensure the note with $2.00 levy is returned by this Thursday 26 March.

PSSA CRICKET KNOCKOUT
Round 2 of the knock-out against Maclean PS will be played tomorrow, Thursday 26 March, at Wherret Park, Maclean. We wish the team the very best of luck.

PARENT HELPERS
Help urgently needed. If you would like to be a parent helper in the dejhuti or multilit programs please see Mrs Squires or Deb in the office. All information and training will be provided. It’s a great way to work one on one with our students.

Jacqueline Menzies
Principal

CANTEEN 30 MARCH 2015
Duty: Katie Brown, Kate Billin and Mel Purtill.
Due to the Cross Country event we will have a limited menu. Please do not order burgers, wraps or salad items.
Dino Nuggets are available for $0.60 each.
Katie Brown – Canteen Co-ordinator.

P&C NEWS
Please return Easter raffle money and tickets by Monday as it is being drawn on Tuesday.
Donations of suitable items to be included in the raffle can be left at the school office by Friday 27 March.
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 12 May at 6:00pm.
We hope to see you all there.